**Social Studies students (grade 9-12) will be able to…**

**Evaluate historical evidence**

**Sourcing**

* determine point of view: who wrote a document and for what purpose?

**Corroboration**

* compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several sources

**Contextualization**

* situate a document in time and place, and analyze how this shapes its content

**Media**

* interpret information from diverse formats and media

(graphs, charts, maps, political cartoons, images, websites, etc.)

**Communicate in writing and speech**

**Persuasive**

* select and defend positions in essays and debates
* cite specific evidence to support an argument

**Informative**

* exchange and explore various viewpoints through discussion
* provide a summary distinct from prior knowledge and opinions
* integrate information from diverse sources into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources

**Read and comprehend social studies texts for grade level**

* determine the meaning of words and phrases as used in a text, *including vocabulary related to social studies*
* create and complete graphic organizers to process information

*(e.g., chronologically, sequentially, comparatively, causally)*

* determine central ideas from supporting details
* distinguish between fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment

**Develop a sense of history**

* understand history is a **narrative** and can be interpreted different ways
* appreciate the **diversity** of cultures as well as our **shared humanity**
* perceive past events/issues as experienced by people at the time: **empathy**
* grasp the significance of the past in shaping the **present**

**Develop 21st century skills**

* identify a problem, conduct research, and propose solutions
* work in a team structure to reach a common goal
* use technology

**CONTENT:**

**Students will master content knowledge related to the following themes:**

**9th Grade: World History and Geography**

**World Geography**

Continents and bodies of water

Major physical features of each continent

Counties and capitals

Latitude and longitude coordinates

Aspects of cultures and various regions

human interaction with environment

**World History**

Origins of Humans

River Valley Civilizations: Egypt and Mesopotamia

Classical Civilizations: Rome and Greece

Feudalism: Feudal Japan and Buddhism

Imperialism: Apartheid in South Africa

Globalization: Latin America

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**10th Grade: American History I / Basic Civics**

**History**

Early Americans and Empires

Slavery

Colonialism

American Revolution

Territorial Expansion

Immigration

Civil War

**Basic Civics**

Review 100 questions

Demonstrate knowledge of Basics Civics:

-Founding Fathers, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, Important Amendments, Three Branches of Government

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**11th Grade: American History II / Basic Economics**

**History**

Industrialization

Progressivism

World War I

Great Depression

New Deal

World War II

Cold War and Vietnam

Civil Rights

20th Century

21st Century

**Economics**

Basic understanding of economics

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**12th Grade: Comparative History and Advanced Government**

Genocide

Citizen Participation in a Democracy

The Growth of Civil Rights and Civic Participation

Media Literacy

Comparative Revolutions

Confronting Global Issues

Special Topics